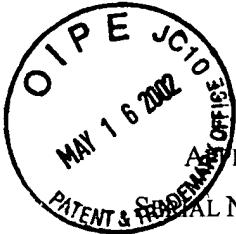


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the April 16, 2002 Office Action (Paper 5) in the above-identified application. With no extension, a response to the pending Office Action is due May 16, 2002. Applicants believe that no fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 20363-004).

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect Group III, claims 32-55, 84, and 85, drawn to a population of educated, antigen-specific immune effector cells, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

Respectfully submitted,

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